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SIGNATURE OF PROCEDURAL ANNEXES 11 AND 12 OF THE AGREEMENT
IN IMPLEMENTATION (POL ARRANGEMENTS)

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1. WE HAVE GOS AGREEMENT TO ATTEMPT TO COMPLETE ALL ARRANGEMENTS FOR SIGNATURE OF PROCEDURAL ANNEXES 11 AND 12 AND THE ACCOMPANYING EXCHANGE OF NOTES AT THE OCTOBER 4 MEETING OF THE US-SPANISH COUNCIL IN NEW YORK. THE TWO PROCEDURAL ANNEXES WOULD BE SIGNED AS AGENDA ITEM 7 (REF A) BY SECRETARY VANCE AND FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA.
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THE FOREIGN MINISTRY'S PREFERENCE REGARDING THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES IS THAT THESE BE SIGNED SUBSEQUENTLY, PERHAPS JUST PRIOR TO THE LUNCHEON, BETWEEN AMBASSADOR TODMAN AND FOREIGN MINISTER OREJA.

2. WE BELIEVE SIGNATURE OF THE ANNEXES AT THE COUNCIL MEETING WOULD BE USEFUL IN THAT THE ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDE

SOME ECONOMIC BENEFIT TO SPAIN AND COULD BE BILLED AS A CONCRETE ACHIEVEMENT OF THIS SESSION OF THE COUNCIL. AS WE HAVE POINTED OUT BEFORE, WE BELIEVE IT COULD BE PREJUDICIAL TO OUR INTERESTS IN SPAIN TO ALLOW THIS MATTER TO DRAG ON ANY LONGER THAN ABSOLUTELY NECESSARY.

3. THE FINAL TEXTS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH OF PROCEDURAL ANNEX 12 WERE AGREED LAST WINTER AND ARE ALREADY IN THE DEPARTMENT. WE RECOMMEND THAT PREPARATION OF THE FINAL TEXTS FOR SIGNATURE BE INITIATED WITHOUT FURTHER DELAY.

4. AT A MEETING OF THE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR POLITICO-MILITARY ADMINISTRATIVE AFFAIRS ON SEPTEMBER 8, WE PRESENTED TO THE SPANISH PROPOSED FINAL TEXTS IN SPANISH AND ENGLISH OF PROCEDURAL ANNEX 11, IN ACCORDANCE WITH INSTRUCTIONS IN REF B. WE ARE AWAITING SPANISH CONFIRMATION THAT THE CHANGES PROPOSED IN REF B ARE ACCEPTABLE IN BOTH THEIR ENGLISH AND SPANISH LANGUAGE VERSIONS AND THAT THE TEXT OF THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES, AS AMENDED BY REF C, IS ACCEPTABLE TO THE SPANISH. WE EXPECT TO HAVE A REPLY DURING NEXT WEEK AND THEN WILL TELEGRAPH THE FINAL TEXTS TO WASHINGTON.

5. WHILE WE ASSUME THAT THE DEPARTMENT AND THE SPANISH EMBASSY WILL PREPARE AND COMPARE FINAL TEXTS OF THE PROCEDURAL ANNEXES, IT MAY BE MORE CONVENIENT TO HAVE THE EXCHANGE OF NOTES PREPARED HERE AND BROUGHT TO NEW YORK BY LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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EMBASSY PARTICIPANTS.

6. WE WOULD APPRECIATE CONFIRMATION THAT THESE ARRANGEMENTS ARE ACCEPTABLE. BARBOUR

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